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State Fire Safety Board Meeting

Bureau of Fire Services – Conference Room B
3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910
Thursday, March 21, 2019
1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lynn Artman, Representing the Professional Engineers (via conference call)
Julie Bulson, Representing Hospital Administrators
Lindsey Haley, Representing Owners of Adult Foster Care Facilities
Mark Jensen, Representing the Liquefied Petroleum and Flammable Compressed Gas Industry
Tina Kerr, Representing School Board Administrators/Members
Paul Korte, Representing the Nursing Home Industry
Andrew Lenaghan, Chairman, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kenneth Letts, Representing the Flammable Liquids Industry
Jeramie Morris, Representing the Chemical Manufacturing Industry (via conference call)
Kassandra Renneberg, Representing Places of Public Assemblage
Ron Sabin, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Kevin Sehlmeier, State Fire Marshal/Director, Ex-Officio Member
Robert Williams, Representing the Building Trades

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Enkemann, Vice Chair, Representing the Registered Architects
Jeffery Green, Representing Fire Departments in the Upper Peninsula
David Piche, Representing Fire Departments in the Lower Peninsula
Michael Powers, Representing the Licensed Electrical Contractors

OTHER BUREAU ATTENDEES:

Hollie Metts, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary to the Board

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

None

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

The State Fire Safety Board Meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM. Chairman Andrew Lenaghan asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Lenaghan advised of the emergency exiting procedures and roll call was taken by Hollie Metts, Executive Secretary to the Board. A quorum was determined present. Chairman Lenaghan welcomed all attendees and asked each of them to introduce themselves.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

19-03-01

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Bulson** and seconded by **Board Member Sabin** to approve the meeting agenda for March 21, 2019, as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

19-03-02

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Renneberg** to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2018 meeting. **Board Member Jensen** seconded the motion but requested a correction be made to the spelling of his last name on page 2 of the minutes. **Board Member Renneberg** accepted the amendment. **MOTION CARRIED** to approve the minutes from December 6, 2018 meeting, as corrected.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

V. STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S REPORT:

1. Fire Reports:

- a. **2018 Incidents:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier provided the board with a handout of all incidents reported in NFIRS for the 2018 calendar year in facility types the board members represent.
- b. **School Incidents FY14-FY18:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier provided the board with a revised handout of school incidents reported in the NFIRS system for FY14 through FY18. He shared that the civilian fatality noted on the previous report was an error. The error has been corrected.

2. PFAS: Fire Marshal Sehlmeier gave an update regarding the Class B AFFF survey. To date, a total of 762 (73.62%) fire departments have responded to the survey. Of the 762 fire departments, 43% have reported that they have approximately 36,000 gallons of Class B AFFF in stock that may contain PFAS. He advised that the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team is researching how to properly collect and dispose of the Class B AFFF that contains PFAS. Best practice guidelines are also being developed as there are instances where Class B AFFF may still be used to protect life. Alternative products are also being reviewed for possible use in the future. More information will be made available as it is finalized.

3. Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council Rules Update: Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the bureau continues to work with the Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council on revising the rules. He is hopeful that the council will complete their review of the rules within the next 30 days.

4. MI Prevention: Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the community risk reduction program has a new name – MI Prevention. The Fire Marshal provided the board with updates on the grant and funding, the smoke alarm campaign, and various educational initiatives that MI Prevention will pursue in the coming months.

VI. LEGISLATION UPDATE:

1. **Fireworks Update:** Fire Marshal Sehlmeier shared that the changes to Public Act 256 of 2011, the Fireworks Safety Act, were signed into effect on December 31, 2018. He also advised that the application process was delayed this year as changes in the Accela system were needed to implement the changes in the Act. The fireworks industry was notified about the delay.
2. **Public Assemblage Update:** The Fire Marshal shared that the public assemblage legislation would likely be reintroduced in May or June this year.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Reporting Update:** This item was covered during the State Fire Marshal's report.
2. **Sprinkler Impairments Update:** The Fire Marshal shared that spoke to Mr. Meagher over the phone following the December meeting and suggested he contact the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society (MFIS). Mr. Meagher did contact the MFIS however, they were not able to assist him and referred him back to the Fire Marshal. Members from the MFIS also suggested that Mr. Meagher work through the insurance industry. The Fire Marshal shared that he felt a legislative change was needed for Mr. Meagher to find a resolution to the sprinkler impairments issue. The Fire Marshal's Office cannot introduce legislation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Fireworks Appeal - Citation #FW15751:** The fireworks appeal of citation FW15751 issued to William Ray Sliss was called to order at 1:52 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and it was decided that the Fire Marshal's decision be upheld and the appeal of citation FW15751 be denied. The appeal adjourned at 1:53 p.m. The appellant will be notified of the board's decision in writing following the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:

19-03-03

A **MOTION** was made by **Board Member Williams** and seconded by **Board Member Jensen** to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on June 20, 2019, at the Bureau of Fire Services located at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI 48910.

APPROVED:


Chair, State Fire Safety Board

6/20/19
Date:

ANDREW R. LENAGHAN
Printed Name of the State Fire Safety Board Chair